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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Masakatsu KIWADA) Group Art Unit: 2625
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Application No.: 10/802,814)
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Filed: March 18, 2004) Examiner: Park, Chan S.
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For: IMAGE FORMING DEVICE,)
IMAGE FORMING METHOD,)
IMAGE FORMING PROGRAM,) Confirmation No.: 5875
COMPUTER READABLE)
RECORDING MEDIUM ON)
WHICH THE PROGRAM IS)
RECORDED)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement mailed January 30, 2008, the period for response to which being February 29, 2008, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

- Group I - characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to the first embodiment disclosed in paragraphs 0038-0072; and
- Group II - characterized by the Examiner as being drawn to the second embodiment disclosed in paragraphs 0073-0087.

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I. Claims 1-10 are readable thereon.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 27, 2008

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